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FCC RELEASES 2001 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released a report entitled *2001 International Telecommunications Data*.

Traffic between the United States and other countries is reported on a country-by-country basis for international message telephone and private line services. Carriers were required to file their 2001 data by July 31, 2002, and revisions by October 31, 2002. For categorizing traffic, a facilities-based carrier is one that provides service using its own international transmission facilities, while a facilities-resale carrier is a carrier that provides service utilizing international circuits leased from other reporting international carriers.

Statistical Findings

- U.S. billed minutes of telephone service increased 11% from year 2000. U.S. facilities-based and facilities-resale carriers billed for 33.3 billion minutes of telephone service in year 2001, and 30.1 billion in year 2000.
- In year 2001, fifty-two U.S. facilities-based and facilities-resale carriers reported that they billed \$10.8 billion for international telephone service, \$1.4 billion for private line services and \$0.2 billion for international telex, telegraph and other miscellaneous services, compared to \$14.2 billion, \$1.5 billion, and \$0.3 billion, respectively, in year 2000. An additional eight carriers requesting confidential treatment reported that they billed \$0.3 billion in the above categories in year 2001.
- U.S. and foreign carriers compensate each other for completed calls. Because U.S. customers place more calls than do foreign customers, U.S. carriers make net payments to foreign carriers. The net amount decreased 10% in year 2001 to \$3.5 billion. Carriers reported \$3.9 billion net payments to foreign carriers in year 2000. Carriers retained \$9.3 billion of international revenues in year 2001.
- In addition to the above, 625 carriers reported that they provided their customers international message telephone service on a pure resale basis. Pure resale providers resell the services of underlying U.S. facilities-based and facilities-resale carriers. These pure resale providers billed customers \$5.4 billion for 23.9 billion minutes. For comparative purposes, in 2000, 480 pure resale providers reported that they billed \$7.4 billion for 23.7 billion minutes.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center at 445 12th Street, S.W., Courtyard Level, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by contacting the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com. The report can also be downloaded [file names: 4361-F01.ZIP or 4361-F01.PDF] from the **FCC-State Link** Internet site at www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/stats.html.

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